(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (b) There is no specific proposal at this stage. Some broad policy options have been indicated in the Background Note on Review of Drug Policy, 1986 placed on the Table of both the Houses on 12.8.92 for the consideration of the Members.

Shortage of life saving drugs in Delhi

2627. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of a number of life saving drugs in Delhi which has been persisting for quite some time;

(b) if so, what is the gap between the demand and supply of vital life saving drugs during the last six months;

(c) what are the reasons for continuous shortage of these drugs; and

(d) what efforts have been made by Government to make th ese drugs available to the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) No general shortage of any life saving drugs come to the notice of the Government, except instances of general shortage of some branded formulations for which therapeutic equivalents were normally available. As soon as such shortages are reported, the concerned manufacturers are asked to rush stocks to the areas of shortage.

Recommendations of Hathi Committee on Licensing System for Drug Industry

2628. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main recommendations of the Hathi Committee for the Licensing policy for drug industry and what were the provisions made;

(b) what are the main parameters and provisions of licensing policy for drug industry and how far it differs from the policy based on the Hathi Committee recommendations;

(c) whether it is statutory obligation for drug companies to disclose the name, quantity and value of major imported and indigenous raw materials as well as total usage of imported and indigenous raw materials in terms of value; and

(d) if so, the names of the companies which provided such information after the announcement of the Drug Policy, yearwise and what are the details of each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b): After due consideration of the recommendations contained in the Hathi Committee report, the Drug Policy 1978 was evolved and placed on the Table of the House in April, 1978. In the light of experience gained during subsequent years, and noting the technological status achieved by the industry and the changes in prevailing industrial policy, a new Drug Policy was formulated and placed on the Table of House in December, 1986. The 1986 policy in regard to Industrial Licensing made some simplifications in the licensing procedures to be in consonance with the then industrial policy.

(c) and (d) The Form-6 prescribed in DPCO, 1987 requires each company to furnish information on the total expenses incurred on account of raw materials in terms of value and their allocation to various production activities viz., bulk

drug production formulation production, export sales etc. The response from companies recording submission of Form-6 has been lukewarm.

Cases referred to State Drug Authorities

2629. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry have only referred cases of certain Indian companies to respective State Drug Authorities for investigation of their prices;

(b) if so, the total number of cases referred each year after the announcement of DPCO-1987;

(c) what is the total number of units which are operating in India which are under price control;

(d) what are the details of companies who have submitted their price lists to the Ministry;

(c) what are the names of the companies whose price lists have been examined and studied during the last three years, year-wise;

(f) whether it is a fact that his ministry have directed certain states Drug Authorities, to collect their price list and investigate their prices; and

(g) if so, the number of cases/directions sent per year after the announcement of DPCO-1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (f) Under the provisions of DPCO, 87 and the Essential Commodities Act, the powers have been vested with the State Governments and its officers for taking action in case of violation of DPCO. Under para 16 of DPCO, 87 every manufacturer, importer or distributor has to furnish price list to the Central Government, State Drug Controllers and the dealers. Attention of all the State Drug Controllers has been drawn to these provisions and they have been requested to scrutinize the price list to ensure that the companies market the products at the prices approved by the Government.

(b), (e) & (g) The time required to collect the information from the old records regarding all the cases referred to State Drug Authorities would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. However, cases of some companies have recently been referred to the concerned State Drug Authorities.

(c) It is estimated that the total number of organised sector pharma units is around 250.

(d) Government have received price lists from 107 companies since April, 1992.

Prices of Ampicillin Cloxacillin

2630. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Ampicillin Cloxacillin, other semisynthetic Pencilline formulations and else formulations based on many other drugs were not announced even after the reduction was approved for over a year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in certain cases the prices were never reduced despite the reduction in bulk drug prices;

(c) if so, what are the details of such instances after the announcement of Drug Prices Control Order, 1987;

(d) what are the reasons and who are responsible for this act of providing benefit to drug producers at the cost of poor consumer;

(e) whether it is fact that certain files concerning these issues have been missing from his Department; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) As stated in reply to